

**From:** Dave Terret  
**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** Re: Red Hat's settlement counterproposal of Nov. 27, 2001

Dear Sir or Madam,

As a computer professional having no connection to either Microsoft or Red Hat other than using their software, I would like to register my support for Red Hat's counterproposal.

I felt that Microsoft's settlement proposal had been insufficiently punitive. Also, there is no reason to give a monopolist an opportunity to extend its monopoly. While one could say that, by the same token, there's no reason that Red Hat should be allowed the opportunity to benefit from that monopolist's penalty more than other injured parties, their proposal is still vastly more just than Microsoft's.

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